Shortage of Aircrafts with the AI and IA

†*240. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the aircrafts of Indian Airlines and Air India have become old and obsolete;

(b) if so, the total number of aircrafts with both of these companies and how old are these aircrafts;

(c) whether it is also a fact that both these companies have to discontinue their flights on several profitable routes due to shortage of aircrafts; and

(d) if so, the action being taken by Government to rescue these companiés from the situation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The fleet of Air India Limited consists of 23 aircrafts with average age of 12.9 years. The fleet of Indian Airlines/Alliance Air consists of 53 aircraft with average age of 13.4 years. No life span is specified for aircraft. The operation of an aircraft may continue subject to its airworthiness being certified by DGCA.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Negotiation with Foreign Airlines on Partnership with Air India

1706. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have negotiated with any foreign airlines to bring them as a partner in the Air India; and

(b) if so, which are these companies and other details of the negotiations held?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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